

the volume are attractive, the treatment of species and varieties up-to-date. The authors have studied all the extant collections available and have been at great pains to check recent studies and revisions. For those who have not been situated to do so, it is as invaluable as a reference work as are Wiegand & Eames's Flora of the Cayuga Lake Basin or Deam's Flora of Indiana, in which, likewise, the studies since the 7th edition of Gray's Manual are duly cited. Thus *Picea rubens* correctly takes the place of *P. rubra*, *Salix Bebbiana* of *S. rostrata*, *S. pyrifolia* of *S. balsamifera*, *Sambucus pubens* of *S. racemosa*, etc.; *Amelanchier* appears with 8 species, *Rubus* with 29. The generic treatment is sound, not trifling and radical. *Pinus*, *Juniperus*, *Ribes*, *Pyrus*, *Potentilla*, *Prunus*, *Rhus*, *Acer*, *Cornus*, etc. are kept intact. The local viewpoints of the Rafinesques, Rydbergs and Smalls have not been accepted as superior to the outlooks of the DeCandolles, Endlicher, Bentham & Hooker, Baillon, Gray, Engler, Bailey and others who have had a world-wide view of genera. The book is as conservative as the State of Maine. "As Maine goes so [should go] the nation" was once a proverb. It is now too often forgotten!—M. L. F.

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#### MINOR FORMS AND TRANSFERS—

**ALNUS CRISPA** (Ait.) Pursh, forma **stragula**, f. nov., truncois ramibusque prostratis; foliis maturis 2–4.5 cm. longis; amentis foemineis maturis 0.8–1 cm. longis.—Alpine areas, eastern Quebec to northern New York. TYPE from dry schistose crests and talus of Razorback Ridge, alt. 850–1000 m., Mt. Logan, Matane Co., Quebec, July 13, 1923, *Pease & Smith*, no. 25,707, in Herb. Gray.

This is evidently the prostrate and otherwise dwarfed shrub intended by House in N. Y. State Mus. Bull. no. 254: 271 (1924), when he recorded from the summits of the Adirondacks the European *A. viridis* (Chaix) DC., var. *repens* (Wormskj.) Aschers. & Graebn. It is only subgenerically allied to *A. viridis*.

**NEMOPANTHUS MUCRONATA** (L.) Trel., forma **chrysocarpa** (Farwell), stat. nov. Var. *chrysocarpa* Farwell in RHODORA, xlii. 307 (1940).

**SCUTELLARIA OVATA** Hill, var. **rugosa** (Wood), stat. nov. *S. rugosa* Wood, Class-Bk. ed. 2: 424 (1847). *S. ovata*, subsp. *rugosa* (Wood) Epling in Univ. Calif. Pub. Bot. xx. no. 1: 57 (1942).

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